

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer accessible storage medium comprising a plurality of instructions which, when executed:

modify at least a first attribute corresponding to a first volume, the first volume corresponding to a client computer system's backup state, wherein the client computer system's backup state was previously saved in a backup operation, and wherein the first attribute is modified in the client computer system's backup state subsequent to the backup operation; and

subsequent to modifying the first attribute, cause the first volume with the modified first attribute to be created on a first computer system as part of a restore of the client computer system's backup state to the first computer system.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed, modify the first attribute responsive to user input.
3. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a protection attribute.
4. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 3 wherein the protection attribute comprises a redundant array of inexpensive disks (RAID) level.
5. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 3 wherein the protection attribute comprises whether or not the first volume is mirrored.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a performance attribute.
7. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 6 wherein the performance attribute comprises whether or not the first volume is striped.
8. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a size of the first volume.
9. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 8 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises reducing the size.
10. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 8 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises increasing the size.
11. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a type of the first volume, and wherein modifying the first attribute comprises changing the type.
12. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed, modify a second attribute corresponding to a first filesystem corresponding to the client computer system's backup state.
13. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the client computer system's backup state comprises a configuration file, and wherein the configuration file comprises data describing the first volume and the first attribute, and wherein modifying the first attribute comprises changing the configuration file.
14. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 13

wherein causing the first volume to be created comprises generating a restore procedure that the first computer system executes.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first volume is created as part of a restore of the backup state to the first computer system.

16. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

modifying at least a first attribute corresponding to a first volume, the first volume corresponding to a client computer system's backup state, wherein the client computer system's backup state was previously saved in a backup operation, and wherein the modifying is performed in the client computer system's backup state subsequent to the backup operation; and

subsequent to the modifying, initiating a restore of the client computer system's backup state, including the first volume with the modified first attribute, to a first computer system, wherein the restore comprises creating the first volume on the first computer system.

17. (Original) The method as recited in claim 16 further comprising accepting user input specifying the modification to the first attribute.

18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a protection attribute.

19. (Original) The method as recited in claim 18 wherein the protection attribute comprises a redundant array of inexpensive disks (RAID) level.

20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 18 wherein the protection attribute comprises whether or not the first volume is mirrored.

21. (Original) The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a performance attribute.
22. (Original) The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the performance attribute comprises whether or not the first volume is striped.
23. (Original) The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a size of the first volume.
24. (Original) The method as recited in claim 23 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises reducing the size.
25. (Original) The method as recited in claim 23 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises increasing the size.
26. (Original) The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a type of the first volume, and wherein modifying the first attribute comprises changing the type.
27. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
- a first computer system comprising a first computer accessible storage medium storing a plurality of instructions which, when executed, configured to modify at least a first attribute of a first volume corresponding to a client computer system's backup state, wherein the client computer system's backup state was previously saved in a backup operation, and wherein the first attribute is modified in the client computer system's backup state subsequent to the backup operation, and wherein the instructions, when executed, first computer system is configured to subsequently initiate a restore of the client computer system's backup state, including the first

volume with the modified first attribute; and

a second computer system comprising a second computer accessible storage medium on which the client computer system's backup state is to be restored.

28. (New) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first computer system is the client computer system.

29. (New) The computer accessible storage medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first computer system is a different computer system from the client computer system.

30. (New) The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first computer system is the client computer system.

31. (New) The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first computer system is a different computer system from the client computer system.

32. (New) The system as recited in claim 27 wherein the second computer system is the client computer system.

33. (New) The method as recited in claim 27 wherein the second computer system is a different computer system from the client computer system.